

TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON TOWN PROPERTY POLICY NO. 3

1.0 PURPOSE

To clearly define when alcohol can be consumed on Town property and outline the process to obtain a Town Alcohol Permit for alcohol use on Town property.

2.0 AUTHORITY

This policy is adopted pursuant to the authority of NH RSA 31:39, 41:8, 41:11, 41:11a, and any other applicable Revised Statutes Annotated

3.0 PERMITTING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USE ON TOWN PROPERTY

In accordance with the RSA 178:22-V (1), the Town of Hopkinton Alcoholic Beverage-Open Container Ordinance, and sections 2 through 9 below, permitting shall be limited to events sponsored or organized by a non-profit organization or private group seeking to serve and offer for sale alcoholic beverages for consumption in Town buildings and on Town premises, as permitted in this policy. The non-profit organization or private group shall first apply for the applicable town permit from the Town of Hopkinton.

- 1. To qualify for a Town Alcohol Permit under this policy, events sponsored or organized by a non-profit group or private groups shall obtain a license from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission under RSA 178:22-V (1).
- The Town shall require a Town Alcohol Permit application, which shall include standards for issuance of the permit to serve and offer alcoholic beverages for consumption on Town property.
- 3. No permit to serve and offer for sale alcoholic beverages for consumption on Town property shall be granted for the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. In no case shall alcoholic beverages be provided or consumed in the Town Hall during regular business hours.
- Permitted location to serve and offer for sale alcoholic beverages for consumption, subject to the applicable Town Alcohol Permit:

Town Hall – Main Meeting Room Slusser Center inside and out Kimball Cabins inside and out Bandstand and surrounding town land Bates Building

5. Application for a permit under this policy may be made through the Town Administrator.

- 6. The Police Chief, Director of Public Works, Fire Chief and Parks & Recreation Director shall review the application and provide comments, concerns, and/or recommended conditions. The Town Administrator will review the application for completeness, review the comments, and forward to the Select Board for final review and approval.
- 7. To the extent the applicant meets all the standards for issuance of a permit, the Select Board may conditionally issue the permit, which shall not become valid until the applicant provides the Town Administrator with an RSA 178:22-V (1) license from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission for the applicable permit issuance time-period, if such a license is required for the event.
- 8. The fee for the Town Alcohol Permit shall be \$50.00.
- The Select Board may authorize a "series" of events, such as a weekly concert or the Farmer's Market. The series will be considered one event for the application process and for determining the fee.

This Policy supersedes all other applicable policies issued by the Town of Hopkinton relative to alcohol consumption on Town property and shall take effect upon its adoption by the Select Board.

Revision History

Revision	Change	Date
Original 1.0	Newly adopted	12/19/1985
1.1	Recodification	5/13/1992
2.0	Complete Rewrite Adopted	7/6/2021